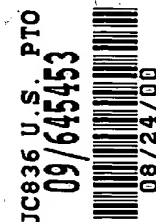


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In the application of Max Gerhaher
Serial Number: New Application – Not Yet Known
Filing Date: August 24, 2000
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR WARNING A FOLLOWING
 VEHICLE DURING BRAKING (based on DE 199 40 080.6 filed 24
 August 1999)

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

- 1) DE 31 19 386 A1
- 2) DE 39 42 151 C2
- 3) DE 42 28 972 A1

DE 31 19 386 A1, item 1): This reference discloses controlling the intensity of supplemental brake lights as a function of deceleration, with the lights remaining constant for a certain period of time and then fading.

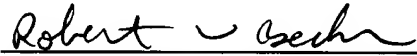
DE 39 42 151 C2, item 2): With this reference the light sources of the brake lights are switched off in pairs after a certain time following conclusion of brake pedal actuation, resulting in a fading of the lights.

DE 42 28 972 A1, item 3): This reference provides an optical signal that is produced as a function of the intensity of the braking process.

Copies of the listed documents are submitted herewith along with the form PTO-1449.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

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